के दौरान कितने व्यक्तियों को पकड़ा गया ; और

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि कानूनी तथा सरकारी कार्यवाही के बावजूद वन माफिया पहले से भी ज्यादा सक्रिय हो गया है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) और (ख) आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में अब तक वन माफिया के कार्य करने के बारे में कोई विशेष रिपोर्ट प्राप्त नहीं हुई है ।

(ग) उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि राज्य के आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में कोई वन माफिया काम नहीं कर रहा है ।

(घ) जी, नहीं ।

H-acid pollution in Bichhri, Udaipur

2810. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NEERI had undertaken studies on pollution from H-acid in Bichhri Udaipur and if so, the results thereof indicating follow up action taken;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are some 32 similar H-acid making units in the country and if so, the names and location thereof;

(c) whether arrangements are proposed to be made for dissemination of such information without any delay to the public and public interest groups working in the area of ecologcal health; and

(d) whether Government propose to induct some of the Eco-health groups in the working of the institutes like NEERI, ITRC, CFTRI, CDRI, etc. to make their work useful and meaningful and bring them out of their ivory towers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The NEERI had suggested the following short-term measures:

All the sludge removed from the factory and dumped in various places (8 dump sites have been located) between November, 1989 and January, 1990 should be collected and brought back storing in a place along with the existing solid wastes inside the factory in a manner that no leachate is generated. This is necessary since wastes generated from dye intermediate manufacture fall under hazardous waste category and the quantity generated exceeds the regulatory limit prescribed by the Central Government in the recently framed Rules for Hazardous Waste Management Handling 1989. The unit has since been closed.

NEERI had also given some medium-term and long-term measures. These are as follows:

MEDIUM-TERM MEASURES:

An investigation should be undertaken to establish, in quantitative terms, the damage caused to the surrounding environment due to the disposal of liquid and solid wastes. Treatibility studies of the contaminated water, soil and solid wastes should be carried out.

LONG-TERM MEASURES:

Restoration of environmental quality of the affected areas should be worked out with special reference to ground and surface water, soil and vegetation. Action on these suggestions has been initiated.

(b) Most of the units are concentrated in Gujarat, in which there are 43. There are 8 more in Maharashtra and 3 in Rajasthan. The units in Rajasthan have been closed.

(c) A public interest litigation case has been filed in the Supreme Court and the matter is *sub-judice*.

(d) The Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board has initiated action by involving NEERI and ITRC in conducting such studies.